

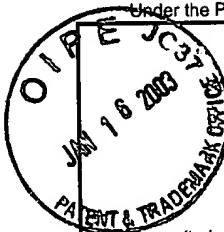
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Sir:

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement dated December 9, 2002. The Restriction Requirement set forth a one-month time period for response, making a response due on or before **January 9, 2003**. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

I. REMARKS

In the Restriction Requirement, the Examiner required election of one of the following groups of claims:

- Group I: Claims 1-29 and 34-39, drawn to a micro-needle and system, methods and kits for sue thereof;
- Group II: Claims 30-33, drawn to a method of manufacturing a structure

Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the claims 30-33 of Group I. Applicants expressly reserve the right under 35 USC §121 to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected subject matter during the pendency of this application.

Applicants hereby confirm the provisional election. This election is made with traverse. As stated in the MPEP §803, if search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions. It is Applicants' position that it would not be unduly burdensome to perform a search on claims 30-33 together.



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II. CONCLUSION

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0815, order number LIFE-024.

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